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Third Sunday of Advent, 17th December 2023, Year B, the Year of Mark's Gospel **Parish Mass Book page 87**

Scripture readings

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11 *Isaiah declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. Jesus uses this prophecy to announce the programme of his own ministry.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

St Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live, as they await the second coming of Christ.

John 1:6-8.19-28 *John the Baptist declares that he is not the Saviour. His task is to prepare the way for the Saviour, who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.*

The O antiphons are used with the *Magnificat* in Evening Prayer of the Church leading up to Christmas.

Each day you can make a profound acclamation of faith in just a few words.

You will often have sung *O come, o come Emmanuel* so you will easily recognise them!

O *Sapientia* O Wisdom
O *Adonai* O Lord
O *Radix Jesse* O Root of Jesse
O *Clavis David* O Key of David
O *Oriens* O Morning Star
O *Rex Gentium* O King of the Nations
O *Emmanuel*



Madonna of the Magnificat, Sandro Botticelli

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Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter
and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

16th December, 2nd Week of Advent

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

Gaudete & Bambinelli Sunday

O Wisdom, 17th December, 3rd of Advent

10 am Mass Thanksgiving: Adebisi Devereux

Monday 18th December

O Adonai, Liturgy of the day

10 am Mass Christopher & Kerry

Tuesday 19th December

O Root of Jesse, Liturgy of the day

6 pm Adoration and Reconciliation

7 pm Pastoral Area Station Mass

Wednesday 20th December

O Key of David, Liturgy of the day

10 am Mass Pat Charlton RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 21st December

O Morning Star, Liturgy of the day

10 am Mass for Harriet & her family

Friday 22nd December

O King of the nations, Liturgy of the day

1.30 pm Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart,

Waterlooville for Diane Quinn RIP

Saturday 23rd December

O Emmanuel

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish

Fourth Sunday Of Advent 24th December

10 am Mass Deacon Diego Hoyos

4 pm Mass for Parish families

6 pm Mass for peace in our world

The Nativity of the Lord

Monday 25th December

10 am Mass Marie & Colin's intentions

Station Mass

On Tuesday 19th December at 6 pm we have a time of Adoration here at St Michael's and several priests offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass is at 7 pm, and refreshments follow.

Bambinelli Sunday



This weekend, for *Gaudete* Sunday, the Catholic Grandparents Association encourage families to join in the tradition of bringing *Bambinelli*, baby Jesus figures, to Mass to be blessed.

Alpha

This term's programmes are now complete. Chris Bates writes: *Special thanks to the helpers who made it possible, including preparing food, setting up and clearing away and childcare, as well as supporting others in the groups. Those attending seem to have found the discussions helpful, especially regarding supporting their children to prepare for First Holy Communion, and making other friends and contacts in the parish. The next Alpha groups start on 14th March, 1-3 pm, with other local programmes running in the evenings. Watch out for further news!* We thank Chris for her kind leadership. She is seen here with some of those attending the recent Holy Spirit day.



Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick, anxious or in particular need.

Christmas Collection Donations

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